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9.30 " " 11.00 " "	10 " "
11.00 noon to 1.00 p.m.	15 " "
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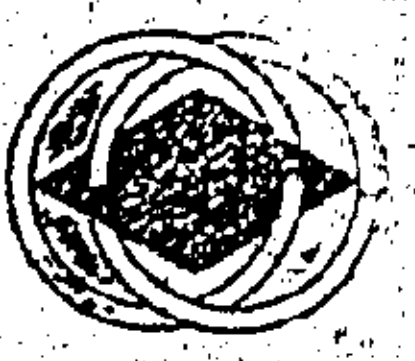
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	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	NOON	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Kowloon .....	6.41	7.10	8.35	9.15	10.28	12.00	1.18	4.34	5.37
Yau-mat .....	6.51	7.18	8.45	9.25	10.38	12.09	1.27	4.43	5.37
Shatin .....	7.03	7.30	8.55	9.35	10.50	12.21	1.39	4.55	5.50
Tai-po .....	7.17	7.44	9.09	9.49	11.03	12.34	1.52	5.08	6.03
Tai-po Market ..	7.22	7.49	9.24	10.04	11.18	12.49	1.66	5.12	6.07
Fanling .....	7.33	8.00	9.25	10.05	11.19	12.50	2.06	5.23	6.17
Shum Shui .....	7.38	8.05	9.30	10.10	11.23	12.54	2.10	5.27	6.21
Shum Chun .....	7.44	8.11	9.36	10.16	11.29	12.58	2.16	5.33	6.27
Shek Lung .....	7.49	8.16	9.41	10.21	11.34	13.01	2.21	5.38	6.32
Canton .....	7.54	8.21	9.46	10.26	11.39	13.06	2.26	5.43	6.37

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Fanling .....	7.45 11.30 2.30 6.30
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[BY CLAUDIUS IN THE CALCUTTA ENGLISHMAN.]

When "The Raja of Bong" was staged in London, the audience little thought that the land of Bong actually existed. It was not discovered by, but became known to the world from extracts from the diary of Colonel Howard-Bury, the leader of the first Everest Expedition who passed through the valley.

I should like to live in this valley of Bong, enjoy its peace and quietness and inhale its pure air of sanctity. Where it is, and all I have learnt about it from a dweller in the vale, I give below:—

Looking at an up-to-date map of the southern boundary of Tibet, there will be found the fort of Kampa (Kampad-zong) to the left of Shigatze; between this fort and the foot of Mount Everest lies the Valley of Bong watered by the sacred Arun river. It is a valley unlike any other valley, and the air of the valley is the air of sanctity, and the peace that reigns in the valley is the peace that this troubled world cannot give. No Europeans knew of the valley until the Mount Everest Expedition passed through it, and they did things that they ought not to have done for want of knowledge; but made good in their second attempt to climb Mount Everest and by their respect for all things sacred to an alien faith, added greatly to the prestige of the race from which they were sprung.

**NATURE AT HER BEST.**

In this valley are flowers, such flowers that can and cannot be found in England and Europe. Here they grow and flourish and die to cast their fragrance in the desert air and their seed for the snows of winter to preserve, till Nature desires at spring to fertilize them and allow them to bloom in undisturbed peace; for although vegetables are not included among the living things of the world among the Buddhists, yet flowers are placed to ornament and adorn their sanctuaries and shrines. Here, in this peaceful valley, Nature is respected by the Buddhist faith and Nature flourishes where encouraged. Life is respected by the Buddhist faith in this beautiful valley, and life flourishes. Even the very waters of the river that flows through the valley—the Arun river, are sacred to the Buddhists, and the river flows undisturbed through the flowering gorges of Tibet and repaid to join the sacred waters of the Ganges and the dreaded Kalahasti of the Bay of Bengal.

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Away on the rock-crowned height of the valley are the cave-dwellings of the monks of Bong. These dwellings of the monks and nuns, of an order which is quite distinct and which for want of proper information I have been obliged to term the Order of Bong, stretch for many hundred yards on the face of the cliffs; visit the valley at dawn and the eyes will gaze on a sight beyond all belief—animals, wild, knowing their lives to be safe, and aware that in this peaceful vale the hands of man is not turned against them, pay their morning visits to the cave-dwellings, selecting in their dumb fashion, the little these monks and nuns have to give them, and which they seem to be aware of, is given with all good feelings and a free hand. Having received their dole, these wild mountain animals wander up the heights to feed on the sparse herbage which is all the cold of these northern altitudes have to offer them.

The monastery bell, on the highest peak sends out its sonorous summons over the wide waste and the beautiful valley at its foot, the monks and nuns form a procession and climb slowly up the rocky height to attend the summons and partake in the worship of meditation on the image of him who for-saking a kingdom, home and wealth, wandered away to meditate on the sorrows and sufferings of this world and to leave behind him the thoughts that are now adopted as the tenets of Buddhism—sayings which are as pure as the air of the Valley of Bong.

It is while the monks and nuns are toiling up the height to answer the summons of the bell, that the birds of the air come to them, perch on their shoulders, and eat from the hands held out to them—hands which are never empty, but day after day are filled with grain in expectation of their visits.

Shooting and the destruction of life is unknown in the peaceful Valley of Bong, and many feathered tribes have left their natural habitat in some far distant land, to seek the undisturbed peace of the valley to live their lives in security and seclusion in the valley where the only disturbing sound, which after a time they become accustomed to, is the sonorous tones of the "Gomba" going calling the monks and nuns to prayer.

It is enough to keep body and soul together and no more, but the good monks and nuns are thankful for the grain is sanctified and the greater portion must be stored in the granaries of His Holiness, the Dalai lama, the incarnation of Buddha, the spirit and head of Tibet and in the contentment of this thought, they live, pray and die in the peace and surroundings of the beautiful Valley of Bong.

Violent scenes were witnessed in Melbourne on November 3rd as a result of the police strike. Bands of hooligans smashed shop windows and looted everything on which they could lay their hands. Upwards of 100 casualties are reported. Three people were killed. Order has been restored.

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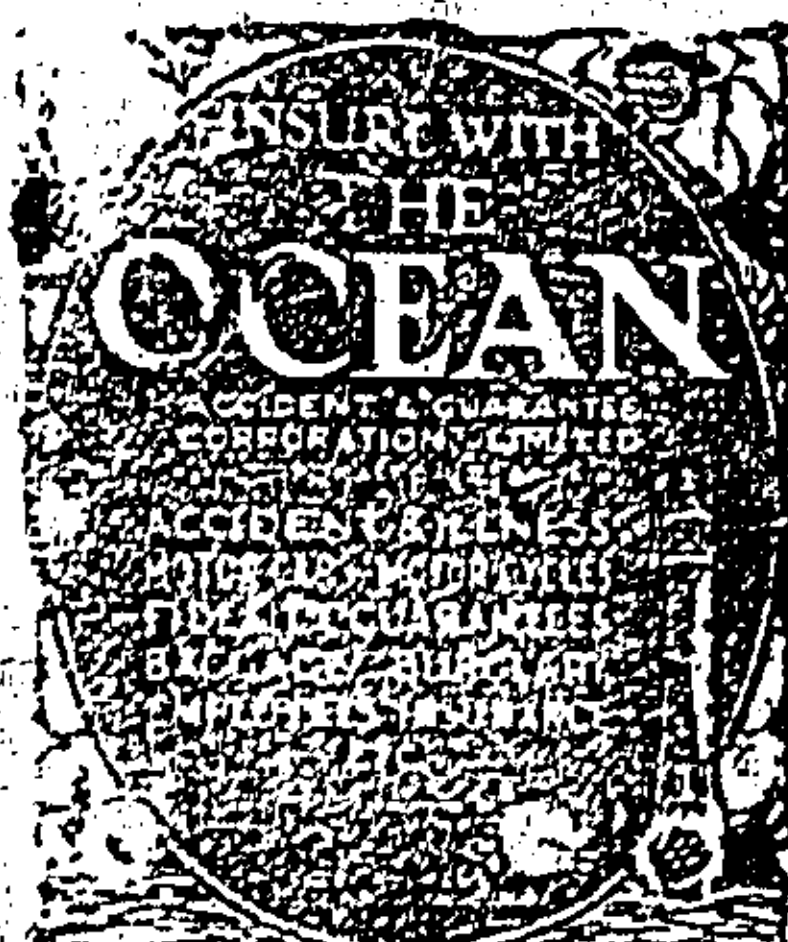
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# HONGKONG WEEKLY SHARE REPORT.

Messrs. Benjamin and Potts in their weekly share report say:—

The local market shows signs of improvement since the date of our last circular, and a more cheerful tone prevails. A large volume of business has been transacted in both investment and speculative stocks, a fair proportion of it being on account of the settlement which was satisfactorily negotiated yesterday. Hongkong Lands and China Sugars have again monopolised a good deal of attention, and mark a further rise.

Banks.—Hongkong and Shanghai Banks have further declined with sales made down to \$1,080. The London quotation is 2125 (middle).

Marine and Fire Insurances.—Unions were placed at \$224 in the early part of the week, but the price has since receded to \$232. There are buyers of Cantons at \$700, North Chinas at Tls. 140, China Fires at \$138 and Hongkong Fires at \$315.

Shipping.—"Star Ferries" have come to business at \$94. Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboats have been booked at the improved price of \$462.

Refineries.—China Sugars have again been a firm market and there are buyers at \$320 after transactions at \$243. Malabons have been taken at \$423.

Oils and Mining.—Langkats (combined) owing to settlement influences, have eased somewhat during the week and sales have been made down to Tls. 331. Raubs at \$5.20 and Tronchs at 30/ are unaltered from last week.

Electric Companies.—China Lights are quoted \$12.80 sales ex the dividend of 80 cents just paid. As the new shares now rank equally with the old for dividend they automatically disappear from the list. Hongkong Electrics have been negotiated at \$311 and continue in request. Hongkong Trams have receded to \$23.80.

Docks, Wharves and Godowns.—Hongkong and Whampoa Docks have changed hands at Tls. 87. Hongkong Wharves have fallen away to Tls. 180. New Engineering are offered at Tls. 7. Hongkong and Kowloon Wharves are obtainable at \$149.

Lands, Hotels and Buildings.—A strong demand for Hongkong Lands lifted the price to \$91, but the market closes easier at \$90. Hongkong Hotels are firmer and have been put through at \$25/25. Humphreys Estates have been bought at \$23.

Cotton Mills.—Ewos have been a erratic market. After sales in the beginning of the week at Tls. 11.50 they advanced to Tls. 12, but there are no buyers now above Tls. 11. Shanghai Cottons have further weakened and are to be had at Tls. 70. Orientals at Tls. 5.20 are featureless.

Miscellaneous.—Green Island Cements have changed hands at \$26/25. Hongkong Ropes have been done at \$44 and more could be placed. Deals have been made in Lane, Crawfords at \$16.60/103. Hongkong Constructions have come to business at \$63/83. Hongkong Realty's are to be had at \$2.40 after sales at \$23.

Peak Trams have been placed at \$14.50 and \$2.25 for the Old and New shares respectively. There are buyers of China Providents at \$223, Dairy Farms at \$221, Union Waterworks at \$163, Watson's at \$223 and Powell's at \$21.

Forward Settlement Days.—29th January (Tuesday), 29th February (Tuesday) and 29th March (Tuesday), 1924.

Exchange.—The T.T. selling rate on London to-day is 2/3 and on Shanghai 69.

## HONGKONG YARN MARKET

Messrs. Polshwalla and Kotwall, cotton and yarn brokers, in their latest circular, say:—

In our last issue, dated November 17th, we reported our market as being very strong. Since then, prices have continued to advance, the rise at one time being as much as \$20 per bale higher than the previous closing quotations.

Latterly, however, owing to the set back in American cotton, there has been an easing off in business from first hands, the dealers preferring to liquidate their own holdings and raise their profits.

The tone at the close appears to be uncertain, but the dealers seem to have completed their liquidation, and are now marking time and watching movements in the larger centres. The Cotton Exchange in Bombay has been closed for some time.

Total sales for the period, 1,300 bales; unsold stocks, 1,200 bales; bargains in Chinese hands, 1,300 bales.

Shanghai reports a firm market. Japanese Yarn.—Only small sales have been reported, owing to high prices.

Raw Cotton.—There are no stocks of Bengal or Chinese.

## YARN TRADE IN 1922

With the end of the year being near at hand, we propose, in this issue, to give a short survey of the trade in the past twelve months. So far as bulk is concerned, it is safe to say, the volume of business transacted throughout the year, is the smallest since Indian Yarn assumed the importance it did on the China market. This merely bears out what we have so often pointed out, that the days of this yarn in the markets of China are numbered, and that at no distant date it will be elbowed out entirely by the Shanghai product.

On the other hand, so far as prices go, the year throughout has been marked by steady and continuous advances, with hardly a set-back worth mentioning. That being the case, both importers and dealers have been able to feel highly gratified with the substantial profits they were able to secure for themselves. This advance, was most marked in the later months, but covering the whole of the period under review, it is close on 30 per cent., as will be seen from the range given below. The following is the range of prices:—

December 1922, No. 10s. \$180 per bale.  
December 1922, No. 10s. \$230 per bale.

# HONGKONG SHARE MARKET

CLOSING QUOTATIONS

December 21st, 1922

Hongkong and Shanghai Banks	\$1,080 b. 1085 a.
Canton Insurances	\$700 b.
Union Insurances	\$323 b.
Hongkong Fire Insurances	\$515 b.
H.K.C. & M. Steamboats	\$462 b.
"Star" Ferries	\$94 b.
China Sugars	\$320 b.
Langkats (Combined)	Tls. 33 b.
Kowloon Wharves	\$147 a.
Whampoa Docks	\$150 b.
Hongkong Lands	\$91 b.
Hongkong Hotels	\$25 a.
Humphreys Estates	\$23 a.
Ewo Cottons	Tls. 11 b.
Hongkong Ropes	\$44 b.
Waterboats	\$163 b.
Hongkong Electrics	\$311 b.
China Lights	\$12.80/12.60 a.
Hongkong Trams	\$23.80 b.

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# CANTON CUSTOMS QUESTION

## "IF THE ORDER IS NOT OBEYED"

### THE LATEST PUBLIC STATEMENT BY DR. SUN.

We have been officially furnished by Dr. Sun Yat Sen's Government with the following statement on the situation—

The Chinese Maritime Customs is a Chinese Government Service; and its receipts form part of the national revenues of China. These Customs receipts are pledged for the service of the punitive indemnities assessed under the Boxer Protocol and other foreign obligations, after payment of which the balance remaining is known as the "Customs Surplus."

2.—In normal circumstances, the Customs Surplus is payable to the Central Government; and it was so paid to the Government at Peking until 1910, when the Constitutional Government, which had been established in 1917 following the illegal dissolution of Parliament and other treasonable acts at Peking, successfully asserted its claim to a share in the Surplus to the extent of 12.7 per cent. of the whole.

3.—This share in the Customs Surplus was paid to the Constitutional Government up to March 1920, when internal differences among the members of the Government led to the suspension of regular payment. Since then the Government at Canton has repeatedly pressed for the resumption of payment until finally, on September 5th last, a memorandum on the subject was communicated to the Diplomatic Body at Peking, in which this Government contended that the disposal of the Customs Surplus was entirely a matter of Chinese concern, being outside the ambit of the competence of the Foreign Powers, who were interested in the Customs revenues to the extent only of the foreign obligations charged thereon. The Diplomatic Body were therefore requested to instruct the Commission of Bankers to hand over the Customs Surplus immediately to the Inspector-General of Customs who would then be requested by this Government to divide it proportionately between Canton and Peking and to refund the Surplus accumulated since March 1920.

4.—Save for a bare telegraphic intimation on September 25th, that this memorandum was under the consideration of the Diplomatic Body, no reply was vouchsafed to this Government until the 3rd instant—after nearly three months' delay—when the Diplomatic Body cabled a message stating that they had awaited a reply to the memorandum of September 5th, had threatened to take over temporarily the administration of the Chinese Maritime Customs at Canton; and informing this Government that the foreign representatives were not prepared to admit any interference with the Chinese Maritime Customs and, in the event of any such attempt being made, they would take such forcible measures as they might deem fit to meet the situation.

5.—On the 5th instant, this Government replied that the Chinese Maritime Customs was first and last a Chinese Government Service and was subject, at least with respect to the ports within its territory, to the orders of this Government. The reply went on to state that as its Customs revenues were remitted to Peking and there used so as to release other revenues for the financing of one military expedition after another against it, this Government intended to order the Customs authorities to cease remitting to Peking and retain the funds for local use. It emphasized that no interference with the Customs was contemplated nor had there been any threat made to take over temporarily the administration of the Chinese Maritime Customs at Canton. It insisted that the question was a purely Chinese internal affair and consequently did not concern the Foreign Powers. And it added that as this Government had waited patiently for three months to a day for a reply, it seemed hardly reasonable for the Diplomatic Body to complain of precipitate action on the part of this Government who, however, in deference to the representations of the Diplomatic Body and as proof of the conciliatory spirit actuating it, would refrain taking any definite action for another two weeks in order to await the decision of the Diplomatic Body.

6.—On the 14th instant, this Government received a considered reply from the Diplomatic Body who cabled it from Peking under date of the 11th inst. The reply states that "the Signatory Powers of the Final Protocol of September 7th, 1901 derive from the Protocol the right to ensure priority of payment of interest and amortization of certain foreign loans secured on the Customs revenues previous to 1901 and of payment of interest and amortization of indemnity mentioned in Article 9 thereof, but no treaty right has been conferred upon them to decide for what purpose the Chinese Government shall use funds which at the end of each year shall remain at the disposal of that Government after service of the said loans and indemnity shall have been entirely provided for."

7.—This is an explicit confirmation of the contention which this Government has throughout insisted upon, and it completely dissipates any doubt as to the validity and propriety of the action which this Government has hitherto taken in the matter of the Customs Surplus. This Government holds and the Diplomatic Body specifically admit that the disposal of the Customs Surplus is a matter with which the Foreign Powers have no treaty right to interfere; and therefore when this Government claims its share of the Surplus it has to deal with the rival Government at Peking and the Inspector-General of Customs and with them alone. The Peking Government may send its armed forces here

to prevent this Government from receiving its share of the Customs Surplus. But the Foreign Powers are not justified to assemble (as they are now doing) their ships of war in Canton harbour in order to protect, nominally, a disputable right but practically to assist the Peking Government to impose its will on this Government.

8.—In these circumstances, the course of this Government is clear. As the Peking Government, being illegally constituted and nationally repudiated, is not entitled to appropriate or dispose of Customs Surplus funds, this Government has to-day issued an order to the Inspector-General (a) to retain at Canton or other places to be designated all Customs revenues collected within the territory of this Government and, after providing for a proportionate share of the funds required for the service of the foreign obligations charged on the Customs, to pay the same as may be ordered by this Government; and (b) to refund and make good all arrears of Customs Surplus payable to the Government here since March, 1920.

9.—If this order be not obeyed, this Government will proceed to appoint new Customs officials who will recognize its authority and loyally assist and co-operate in carrying on the public and routine work of Government here. In this way the continuity of the Chinese Maritime Customs Service will be preserved; and any disorganization thereof, in the circumstances, is only likely if the Inspector-General of Customs refuses to co-operate with this Government in the administrative work of the Customs within its territory.

10.—This statement would not be complete unless two considerable points were emphasized, one legal and the other moral in its implication. The first is that foreign obligations, including the Boxer Indemnity, are security on the revenues and not on the buildings and other corporeal properties of the Chinese Maritime Customs officials in the administrative and other buildings of the Customs here, the Foreign Powers are as in the case of the Customs Surplus without any Treaty right to interfere with such a routine act of administration. And they are less entitled to interfere in view of the undoubted fact that the Customs revenues collected outside the territory of this Government being more than ample, to the extent of many millions, to meet all foreign obligations, there is not the slightest prospect of any change of Customs officials here affecting or otherwise endangering the punctual service of all such foreign obligations.

11.—The other point is this. The Foreign Powers are mainly interested in the revenues of the Chinese Maritime Customs to the extent and in respect of their respective shares in the Boxer Indemnity. This Indemnity, it must be noted, is the sole punitive or penal sum inflicted on a defeated people which survives from the pre-war period. Indeed, there is no treaty in force to-day which imposes a similar penalty; even the Treaty of Versailles does not assess punitive but reparatory indemnities against Germany. Further, it must be pointed out that most of the Great Powers—America, Britain, France and Japan—are now only interested in the Boxer Indemnity to the extent of seeing that their respective shares are applied to various purposes in the interests of China itself.

12.—A brief reference in conclusion must be made to the series of domestic loans mostly floated by the Peking authorities for purposes of either war against the South or corruption and bribery in connection with sundry presidential elections at Peking. In 1921, these loans were consolidated by the Peking Government and charged on the Customs and Salt Revenues, and the Wine and Tobacco Revenues, the Inspector-General of Customs being placed in charge of the service thereof. The Diplomatic Body, in their reply of December 11th, deal rather summarily with these loans thus: "the Corps Diplomatique are in no way concerned with the service of these loans which was instituted without their having been consulted."

# "NATIONAL SALVATION" WORK IN HONGKONG.

An organisation in Hongkong which styles itself the "Hongkong Chinese National Salvation Association" has issued a circular in connection with the Canton Customs question urging the public to fight for the retention of the surplus by the Southern Government; oppose interference in China's domestic affairs by the Foreign Powers; and boycott foreign goods.

Circulars of this kind have been freely distributed in the Colony during the past few days.

# THE LETTER "E"

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Sir Robert Millikan, of Pasadena, California, who has been awarded the Nobel Prize for Physics, is claimed to be the first scientist to isolate and measure the electron.

# CARETAKER OR SUB-TENANT EUROPEAN SUE.

R. A. Clark, a clerk in the Royal Naval Yard, was cited as the second defendant in a case heard at the Summary Court, yesterday morning, before His Honour the Puisne Judge (Mr. Justice Gompertz). The case was one in which the plaintiff Chai Shum See of the Yat Wing Bank, Wing Lok Street, sued a Mr. W. Bolderson for possession of the first floor of No. 33, Nathan Road, Kowloon, some time ago. On that occasion the plaintiff obtained judgment for possession and yesterday R. A. Clark, who claimed to be sub-tenant of Mr. Bolderson's and who is now occupying the flat, was also sued for possession and for \$250, being rent due by Mr. Bolderson.

Mr. M. M. Watson appeared for plaintiff and Mr. F. G. Vaux represented the defendant.

Mr. Watson said that he was claiming possession of the first floor of No. 33, Nathan Road, which was let to Mr. Bolderson. In this connection, he obtained judgment against Mr. Bolderson under the Rents Ordinance, on the ground that his rent was in arrears. The name of Mr. Clark had since been added in Chambers as second defendant. He now claimed that Mr. Clark was not a tenant but a caretaker and that he was not protected by the Rents Ordinance and, therefore, the tenancy of Mr. Bolderson, having been determined that of Mr. Clark was *ipso facto* determined with it.

Relating the facts, Mr. Watson said the flat was originally let to Mr. Bolderson sometime ago, certainly before June, because he was then in arrears with rent in that month, and he remained in arrears until judgment was obtained against him when they got an order for possession on the ground of non-payment of rent. On September 18th Mr. Clark took possession of the flat from Mr. Bolderson. He understood that Mr. Vaux was going to prove that Clark had bought the furniture from Bolderson and that since he had taken possession he had paid the rent for the flat into Court for months of September, October and November at \$70 a month, paid at the end of each month. Judgment was given on November 17th and briefly his (Mr. Watson's) case would be that on October 14th his client received a letter from Mr. Clark, stating that he was looking after the flat for Mr. Bolderson and that he asked for some one to come and collect the rent. A shroff was sent round and Mr. Clark only offered rent for one month instead of for four. The shroff refused to accept it and so far as they were concerned this was all that happened. Clearly they were entitled to possession. As caretaker, Mr. Clark was responsible to Mr. Bolderson against whom plaintiffs had an order. Assuming even that Mr. Clark was a tenant he did not come under the Rents Ordinance and therefore he was entitled to possession under Common Law.

Mr. R. A. Clark, a clerk in the Royal Naval Yard, was the only witness called. He said that he went into the flat on the 23rd September having learnt from an advertisement in the newspapers that the flat was vacant. He then got in touch with Mr. Bolderson. In consequence of that he came to an agreement to take over the flat and he purchased the furniture and fittings. He made enquiries if the rent was paid and he was informed that the rent for September had not been paid and he obtained that month's rent from Mr. Bolderson and on October 10th it was tendered. When he was given the keys Mr. Bolderson told him that her husband owed two months' rent. Prior to this he did not know that the rent was in arrears. He denied that he was a caretaker of Mr. Bolderson's although he admitted that a letter he wrote to the plaintiff was misleading. He claimed that he was a bona fide sub-tenant and he would not have taken over the flat under any other conditions. He understood Mr. Bolderson had left the Colony and, as far as he knew, he had not returned.

Mr. Watson submitted that Mr. Clark was only a caretaker and that the landlord was clearly entitled to possession of the premises as there were several months' rent due. The landlord could not in this case even claim distress, as the furniture had been sold to Mr. Clark.

His Lordship: It seems to me that Bolderson has scored off both parties.

Mr. Watson: I am prepared to submit that Bolderson scored off us in particular with the connivance of Mr. Clark.

His Lordship: You do not allege that, surely? There is nothing to prove it.

Mr. Watson said he was quite prepared to withdraw that statement.

His Lordship asked how long Mr. Clark had still to remain in the Colony and the reply was that there was no agreement and that he might be here for another two years.

Mr. Watson: And the Rents Ordinance might hold for two years.

Mr. Vaux's contention was that his client was protected by the Rents Ordinance and pointed out the landlord would have had no rent at all had his client not paid it into Court. He left the facts of the case in his Lordship's hands.

His Lordship reserved judgment and did.

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# ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB. IMPORTANT QUESTIONS AT THE ANNUAL MEETING.

## QUESTIONS OF EXTENSION AT FAN- LING, IMPROVEMENTS AT DEEP WATER BAY AND SECRETARIAT.

Several important questions came up for discussion at the annual meeting of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club, held at Messrs. Jardine, Matheson's board room last evening, and this year opened to the Press. The Hon. Mr. A. G. Stephen, the President, was in the chair and there was a fairly large attendance of members.

The President, in moving the adoption of the report and accounts, said that the accounts revealed a satisfactory state of affairs, with a credit balance of \$17,004 as compared with \$12,481 last year. Commenting on the accounts the President mentioned that a sum of \$10,000 had been transferred from reserve account and utilised to write down the asset "Fanling Course" to the nominal sum of one dollar. It had been the endeavour of the Committee to run the Club as economically as possible consistent with maintaining its position as one of the largest and most important sporting clubs in the Colony. The lodging account at Fanling again showed a considerable falling off. In so far as this might be due to lack of comfort the Committee had endeavoured to meet this by installing a complete outfit of new beds, and in so far as the cause might be lack of consideration on the part of certain members, the remedy was in the hands of members themselves.

The President referred in cordial terms to the work done by Messrs. Greenhill, Adamson and Peel in carrying out a comprehensive bunkering scheme, also the work done on the course by Mr. Kerr. Thanks were also due to Mr. T. H. G. Trayfield for his work in looking after the plant and machinery department. After referring to the strenuous efforts of Mr. B. D. Crawford Morgan and his sub-committee on the Happy Valley Course, the President spoke of the damage done there during the summer by excessive rainfalls, and flooding, resulting in a considerable loss of revenue to the Club.

The popularity of Deep Water Bay Course was remarkable, particularly during the summer months. There was a certain amount of congestion but this was unavoidable; there was very little scope for extending the Course and the cost of such action would be out of all proportion to the results.

Mr. W. ADAMSON seconded the adoption of the report and accounts and the motion was carried.

**APPOINTMENT OF A PERMANENT SECRETARY.**

The President said that under the growth of the Club members of Committee found it increasingly difficult to spare the time for administrative duties. Matters had now reached a stage where the only alternative was to engage a man who would devote his whole time, and the Committee recommended the early appointment of a Secretary, recommending also that Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming continue to act, but as Treasurers only, otherwise the Secretary might find the greater part of his time occupied in the supervision of accounts. The additional cost of this arrangement would amount to about \$7,000 a year and this expenditure must be faced. The Club could not carry on satisfactorily otherwise.

It was explained that under the proposed arrangement the Treasurers would be paid \$6,000 a year instead of \$10,000 but that the total cost would be \$17,000 as compared with \$10,000 at present. It was mentioned that the Committee had no one in view for the position but that one or two applications had been received.

Mr. FERGUSON questioned whether it would not be better, when appointing the Secretary, to appoint also a staff of clerks. He had nothing to say against the present Treasurers but it seemed to him that the Secretary could superintend the accounts and that the work could be done by Portuguese clerks.

The Captain of the Club (Mr. STEWART), who had put forward the scheme on behalf of the Committee, said that the alternative suggested by Mr. Ferguson had been considered by the Committee and it was found that it would cost from \$2,500 to \$3,000 a year more than the scheme now proposed. The supervision of the accounts would be by no means a simple matter.

The Committee's recommendation was adopted *nem con.*

### EXTENSION OF CLUB-HOUSE AT DEEP WATER BAY.

The President said that although little could be done to relieve the congestion at Deep Water Bay, the Committee felt that something ought to be done towards improving and extending the Club-house and recommended that instead of spending money on repairs a second storey should be added and the servants' quarters extended, thus doubling the existing accommodation. The estimated cost was \$22,500 and the Committee suggested that \$10,000 invested in Hongkong Government War Loan could be realised to provide part of the funds required. If approved the work would be put in hand at once and would take about six months to complete. The building had got to be repaired in any case, in order to repair storm damage and the Committee suggested making a clean sweep.

In answer to questions, Mr. STEWART mentioned that the repairs would cost between \$8,000 and \$7,000. It was possible to carry on at Fanling but Deep Water Bay was rapidly becoming impossible. Deep Water Bay called for attention and could be dealt with, whereas the building question at Fanling was a far larger one and it would be four years before the Club could contemplate dealing with it.

Mr. GEORGE HOPE proposed and Mr. O. EAGER seconded that the suggested alterations at Deep Water Bay be put in hand. This was carried unanimously.

### QUESTION OF EXTENSION AT FANLING.

The President said that owing to the increased number of playing members, both courses at Fanling were sometimes uncomfortably crowded during the winter, and it had been suggested that more land should be acquired by the Club with the idea of extending the second nine holes of the new course to eighteen holes. The first nine holes, which were considered by many to provide the best golf to be had at Fanling, could then be utilised as a relief course. The land would doubtless increase in value and if the Club intended to acquire it the sooner the purchase was completed the better. The cost today was estimated at \$10,000, more than four times its value a year or two ago. On the other hand it was suggested that they already had sufficient ground at Fanling for play, and that when money was available it should be applied to the extension and improvement of the Club-house, including the provision of a dormitory house. The Committee held no decided views in regard to these suggestions and he invited expressions of opinion from the members.

The President added that some members of the Committee were very enamoured of the scheme for increasing the size of the links. The suggested ground was the portion which could be reached from the fifteen hole on the Relief Course. In addition to the cost of the land there would be the expense of laying out the course and the scheme would absorb the Club's resources for a good many years. Other members of the Committee were of opinion that the Club should not purchase land but should devote their resources to the improvement of the Club-house at Fanling.

The Hon. Mr. E. R. HALLIFAX remarked that the meeting had already gone a good way in giving distinct instructions to the incoming committee in ways of spending money and one was naturally cautious about going any further. Mr. HALLIFAX also remarked that development was chiefly possible at Fanling, for the other courses were fairly fully developed. More and better accommodation was required at the Club-house in every department—dressing rooms, linen space and bed-rooms—but any really comprehensive scheme would probably cost a lakh and the Club was not justified yet in considering it. Tinkering with the building was to be deprecated as likely to prejudice and hamper future developments on a satisfactory plan, which the Club would not doubt be able to adopt in the near future. It was possible, however, to construct a separate dormitory house: it would give relief in various ways and provide that better residential accommodation which would no doubt help to popularise the Club. Members seemed to have in mind provision for some 20 to 30 small bed-rooms—admittedly no light matter but one which it was possible for the Club to consider at once if members desired.

The other main line of development that had been considered for Fanling was the extension of the playing accommodation. The courses already were at times uncomfortably crowded and limitation of membership of the Club required serious consideration. With no further development of the courses the point had about been reached where a waiting list for new members must be considered, but possibly an extension of Fanling by nine more holes would make it possible to accept new members as before. An extension would allow every one eligible to be sure of a game at any time. Under present conditions there would have to be a waiting list of people debarred from playing at all; with the extension, such people would probably not be free of the old course for the same length of time, but all the other advantages of Fanling would be open to them at once. Probably more individuals, and those mostly of the younger generation, would be benefited by this scheme than by the immediate provision of a dormitory house. The Club's strongest supporters were certainly those who would benefit most by the dormitory house and they were entitled to special consideration. But they were comparatively few and could perhaps wait while this last step was taken to accommodate new players whose support would hasten the day when the Club could tackle all the building problems in a comprehensive and satisfactory manner.

Mr. A. G. M. FLETCHER asked how the Committee proposed to raise the money for Fanling projects and if it was proposed to raise the subscription or the entrance fee, or whether the bank was to lend the money required.

The CHAIRMAN: The Committee are sanguine enough to think that the Club has reached a paying basis and that the purchase and development of the addition to the links will be possible out of profits. They may be too sanguine, but I really see no reason why they should be thought so. We have been going steadily up the hill this last year or two and now we have reached a stage where we can consider the comfort of the members a little more than hitherto. It will be a good bargain for the Club to get this land and if we have to leave it fallow it will still be a good asset and we can proceed to make the links as our funds permit.

Mr. FLETCHER said he supported the proposal and enquired further if any Government land was available, that would be a much cheaper proposition. Mr. HALLIFAX replied that half of the land proposed to be bought was Government land. In any other direction it would be all private, and much more valuable land. He thought that the course could be prepared in two seasons.

In further discussion the advisability was suggested of buying the land for the future and meanwhile improving the main course at Fanling.

Mr. STEWART felt it was necessary to put the other point of view before the meeting, though not with the idea of opposing Mr. Hallifax's suggestion. He felt that the Club should conserve its funds with the intention of tackling a comprehensive scheme for the Club-house. The whole thing was very debatable but he did not think improved or extended links could possibly be in operation within two or three years if it was proposed to be done out of revenue.

In the course of general discussion it was suggested that extension of the playing fields was more important than extension of the Club-house: it was no use having a huge Club-house if people had nowhere to play. One member did not see where the money was to come from unless it was possible to arrange a loan. He thought business firms might be willing to lend the Club money at seven per cent.

The President: What security has the Club on which to borrow?—(Laughter.) The answer is, it is a live Club and I cannot conceive that anything will happen to make it less prosperous than at present. I do not think Mahjongg is going to out golf as a popular exercise.—(Laughter.) We suggest these schemes because we believe the Club will always be able to make enough profits to undertake a moderate amount of expenditure for development.

Mr. B. M. SMITH remarked that there was already a 36 hole course at Fanling which stood idle four days a week. They were suffering from a peak load on certain days of the week because it took so long to make the journey from Hongkong. He thought it was questionable whether it was worth while spending money for more land, and additional money for developing it, considering that that course also would be available for four days a week.

Mr. E. D. C. WOLFE: If this money is spent will it mean that a few necessary improvements at Happy Valley will be cut out?—(Laughter.) Happy Valley is one of action just now but the temporary Club-house is not fitted up as it should be considering the number of men who played there until the place was washed out by the floods. I think some little consideration should be given to those who cannot afford the money or the time to go to Fanling. If their wants, which are not great, can be met in addition to providing this extra land at Fanling I think the extra land should be bought.

The Hon. Mr. HALLIFAX then moved: That it is the opinion of the general meeting that the incoming committee should proceed as soon as possible with the purchase of land for the new nine hole course and proceed with the construction of the course as funds permit.

Mr. A. G. M. FLETCHER seconded. Mr. STEWART: As I was the speaker in favour of the Club-house project I beg to propose:

That when circumstances and funds permit these be devoted to the extension and improvement of the Club-house at Fanling in preference to extending the Course.

Mr. STEWART humorously remarked that he had been "strafed" day after day by about 75 per cent. of the members as to the "awful state" of the Club-house but now, apparently, nobody seemed to want anything done.

Mr. E. D. C. WOLFE seconded Mr. STEWART's amendment, which was then carried by 25 votes to 17, and adopted as a substantive resolution.

Mr. ROSE suggested that in view of the comparatively small attendance the resolution be not regarded as binding on the Committee but that the opinion of the Club be taken by circular.

In reply to this it was suggested that if the decision of the meeting were reversed by the people who had not taken the trouble to come it might lead to bad feeling in the Club. The President said he supposed the members present could insist on getting their own way but it would be a pity to have any friction.

The proposition to circulate members was carried.

### THE CADDIE QUESTION.

Mr. EAGER next introduced a question on the caddie question on which, he said, there had been a great deal of dissatisfaction. The President suggested that this would be one of the matters dealt with by the whole time secretary to which it was rejoined that if the Superintendent could not deal with it it was difficult to see how the Secretary could do so. An allusion to distribution of lemonade to caddies led to the remark that it was the members who, contrary to the rules gave caddies who carried clubs on which members wrote "bad," "good," or "very good," as the case might be and at the end of a certain period the Committee gave a reward to the boys with the highest marks. Mr. EAGER thought that the boys would be clear them all off the course and for members to carry their own clubs for a Sunday or two. Then they could take the boys back on their own terms. Mr. HALLIFAX said two or three methods of dealing with the problem had been tried and had started well but they had broken down through lack of co-operation from members. Mr. WOLFE hoped members would not be too sanguine as to what the police would do. The Attorney-General had said that a Registration Ordinance was impracticable and a scheme was to be tried by which the police would have a list of the caddies, only those on the list could be employed.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS.**

Mr. HALLIFAX moved the re-election of the Hon. Mr. A. G. Stephen as President. Mr. WOLFE seconded, and the resolution was carried with acclamation.

Mr. J. R. ROSS was elected Captain for the ensuing year.

The outgoing Committee were re-elected as follows:—A. B. Stewart, A. K. Henderson, L. S. Greenhill, J. W. Franks, J. D. Kinnaird, H. U. Ireland, A. H. Ferguson, W. E. Roberts and O. A. Peel.

Mr. C. Bernard Brown was re-elected auditor.

The meeting concluded with a hearty vote of thanks to the President.

### SPORT.

#### FOOTBALL.

The following matches in the Hongkong League have been arranged for to-day:—

#### Division I.

Kick-off at 4.00 p.m.

H.M.S. *Hawkins* v. Hongkong Club, Navy "A" ground. Referee: Mr. Wakham.

R.G.A. v. H.M.S. *Diomedes*, Sookunpoo "A" ground. Referee: Mr. Spencer.

South China v. H.M.S. *Ambrose*, South China ground. Referee: Mr. Collins.

H.M.S. *Despatch* v. East Surrey Regt., Navy "B" ground. Referee: Mr. Blumson.

H.M.S. *Titanic* v. Kowloon, St. Joseph's ground. Referee: Mr. Smith.

#### Division II.

Kick-off at 2.30 p.m.

R.G.A. v. Filipino Club, Sookunpoo "A" ground. Referee: Mr. Torrey.

H.M.S. *Bluebell* v. South China "B," Sookunpoo "B" ground. Referee: Mr. Spencer.

St. Joseph's v. H.M.S. *Hawkins*, St. Joseph's ground. Referee: Mr. Fairburn.

Kowloon v. East Surrey Regt., Kowloon ground. Referee: Mr. Greer.

Hongkong Club v. Sacred Heart, H.K. Club ground. Referee: Mr. Bailey.

H.M.S. *Diomedes* v. Club de Recreo, Navy "B" ground. Referee: Mr. Smith.

South China "A" v. H.M.S. *Titanic*, South China ground. Referee: Mr. Ford.

University v. H.M.S. *Hollyhook*, Navy "A" ground. Referee: Mr. Wakham.

R.G.A. v. Filipino Club Sookunpoo "A" ground. Referee: Mr. Torrey.

#### LEAGUE TABLE TO DATE.

Division I.	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
East Surrey Regt.	11	8	1	2	18
H.M.S. <i>Tanor</i>	10	7	1	2	16
Hongkong Club	8	4	2	2	10
R.G.A.	10	2	4	4	8
H.M.S. <i>Ambrose</i>	7	3	3	1	7
Kowloon	10	3	6	1	7
H.M.S. <i>Titanic</i>	6	2	3	1	5
H.M.S. <i>Diomedes</i>	9	1	5	3	5
Hongkong Police	8	2	5	1	5
H.M.S. <i>Hawkins</i>	3	1	0	2	3
South China	1	0	0	2	2
H.M.S. <i>Despatch</i>	6	0	4	2	2

#### Division II.

P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
East Surrey Regt.	13	11	0	1 23
St. Joseph's	10	6	3	1 13
H.M.S. <i>Titanic</i>	8	6	1	1 13
South China "B"	8	5	2	1 11
H.M.S. <i>Bluebell</i>	6	5	2	1 11
Kowloon	6	4	2	2 10
South China "A"	8	3	3	2 8
Sacred Heart	9	3	4	2 8
Club de Recreo	5	3	1	1 7
R.G.A.	10	2	5	3 7
H.M.S. <i>Diomedes</i>	8	2	4	2 6
H.M.S. <i>Hollyhook</i>	7	2	4	1 5
H.M.S. <i>Tanor</i>	6	1	4	3 5
H.M.S. <i>Hawkins</i>	5	2	3	0 4
Hongkong Club	10	1	7	2 4
University	6	1	4	1 3
H.M.S. <i>Marguerite</i>	3	1	2	0 2
H.M.S. <i>Frigate</i>	3	1	2	0 2
Filipino Club	6	0	6	0 0

#### ORIENT.

##### INDIAN R.C. & THE NAVY.

The following have been selected to represent the Indian R.C. in the above match to-day at 2.15 p.m. on the former's ground:—A. Arculli (capt.), S. H. Ismail, P. Madar, E. M. Omar, A. H. Ismail, J. S. Curram, O. Ismail, S. A. Ismail, S. D. Ismail, R. D. Bumjahn and A. H. Ramjahn. Reserve: F. M. Arculli.

#### "MOTHERS' DAY AT THE GARRISON SCHOOL.

Thursday, Dec. 20th, was "Mothers' Day" at the Garrison Infants' School, when the mothers of children attending the school were invited by the Head-mistress (Mrs. Beardsall), to visit the school in the afternoon to see the children at their lessons in the various classes, and to inspect the exhibition of work carried out by the scholars during the term. Most of the mothers were able to avail themselves of this opportunity of seeing the school at work, and were very interested as they visited the class-rooms, which were gaily decorated with paper chains made by the children.

During the first part of the afternoon the children were at work in their classes and the visitors spent the time in watching the children engaged in their various occupations. In each room was an exhibition of the work done by the children, among the articles were calendars, Christmas cards, dolls, bon-bons, bags, cardboard and paper models, crayon drawings, woollen slippers, needle cases, handkerchief cases and nightdress cases. The kindergarten room was a great centre of attraction, and everybody was interested in watching the youngest members of the school with their miniature tables and chairs. In this room were plasticine models illustrating nursery rhymes, while a large doll's house had been fitted up with furniture made by the children.

At the end of the lesson the children went into the playground, and the mothers watched the youngsters taking part in various organised games. When playtime was over the children gave a very enjoyable little programme of songs and recitations, including carols and a Christmas playlet, "The Goblins' Xmas Joke." The items were much appreciated and warmly applauded by the parents.

Among those who visited the school during the afternoon were the Bishop of Victoria, Col. C. W. Davy, Lt. Col. Orpen Sanders (O.C. School), and Mrs. Orpen Sanders, Major General Trench, Captain A. E. Watts (Command Education Officer), and the Rev. R. J. Northcott (Garrison Chaplain).



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2614	HARK THE HERALD ANGELS SING WHILE SHEPHERDS WATCHED ...		1737	CHRISTMAS HYMNS, PARTS-1-2 ...

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## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

## THE ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB

## NEW YEAR COMPETITIONS AT FANLING.

NOTICES have been posted in the usual Clubhouses, giving details of Arrangements.

PERCY SMITH, SETH & FLEMING,  
Secretaries and Treasurers. [1767]

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WE are making a Special Feature of this Department.

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Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless intimation is received from the Consignees before Noon, To-day, requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned. Goods remaining unclaimed after the 27th instant, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

All claims must be sent in to me on or before the 31st instant, or they will not be recognized.

All damaged packages will be examined on Thursday, the 27th instant, at 10 a.m., by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

R. RODENFUSSE,  
Acting Agent.  
Hongkong, 21st December, 1923. [1755]

## "GLEN" LINE, LIMITED.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

From UNITED KINGDOM AND STRAITS.

## THE Steam Ship

"CARNARVONSHIRE" having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of cargo by her are hereby informed that all goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra-hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., whence, and/or from the wharves, delivery may be obtained.

Goods not cleared by the 22nd December, 1923, at Noon, will be subject to rent.

All broken, damaged and damaged packages are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined, in the presence of Consignees by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas, on 21st December, 1923, at 10 a.m. Claims against the Steamer including those for cargo short delivered must be presented on the special form provided, and must also be submitted within 30 days of arrival, otherwise they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., Agents.

Hongkong, 18th December, 1923. [1725]

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## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 27th inst., will be subject to rent.

All broken, damaged and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 27th inst., at 10 a.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD., Agents.

Hongkong, 20th December, 1923. [1745]

## NOTICE.

## UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

CERTIFICATE No. A/68 for Nine Shares, £4 per share paid up, numbered 38948/98851 in the Society standing in the name of KWONG BING LUNG of Yokohama has been declared LOST, and it at the expiration of One Month from the date hereof the above document be not forthcoming the said Certificate will be deemed cancelled and of no effect, and a NEW Certificate for the Nine Shares will be issued in its stead by the Society.

C. MONTAGUE EDE,  
General Manager.  
Hongkong, 11th December, 1923. [1696]

## INTIMATIONS

## BANK HOLIDAYS.

IN accordance with Ordinance No. 5 of 1915, the EXCHANGE BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of PUBLIC BUSINESS on TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY, the 26th and 27th INSTANT.

Hongkong, 20th December, 1923. [1743]

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## NOTICE.

ON SATURDAY, the 22ND INSTANT, All Departments will be OPEN for Business until 5 P.M.

On MONDAY, the 24TH INSTANT, All Departments will be OPEN until 7 P.M.

On These Days, the Dispensing Department will remain OPEN until 7.30 P.M.

On CHRISTMAS DAY and WEDNESDAY, 26TH DECEMBER, All Departments will be CLOSED. The Hongkong Dispensary, Dispensing Department, will be OPEN for Dispensing Prescriptions from 10 A.M. to 1 P.M., and from 6 P.M. to 7.30 P.M.

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Hongkong, 20th December, 1923. [1744]

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The Band of H.M.S. "HAWKINS" will play from 3.30 to 7 P.M.

From dusk the Ground will be Brilliantly Illuminated by the CHINA LIGHT and POWER Co.

ADMISSION ... 20 cents.

[1751]

## THE DIOCESAN BOYS' SCHOOL.

## HONGKONG.

## THE ANNUAL SPEECH DAY

Will be held on

TUESDAY, JANUARY 2ND, 1924

From 3.30 P.M. to 5 P.M.

The Hon. Mr. R. H. KOTTEWALL will speak

There will be Speeches by Scholars, Tea and Physical Drill.

All Parents and Guardians, Old Boys and Friends are invited to attend.

[1748]

## THE VICTORIA DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

## A SCHOOLS' ENTERTAINMENT

IN THE

## THEATRE ROYAL, CITY HALL.

MONDAY, JANUARY 14TH, 1924,

at 4.30 P.M.

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The Proceeds will be given to the Support of Missionary Work in Nanning.

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## HONGKONG &amp; SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

## NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that the

Certificate 5/18 7496 dated Hongkong

5th April, 1923, for Five Shares of this Bank

numbered 62976/62980 inclusive registered

in the Name, Mrs. GLAIFKA MARIA ECA

DA SILVA ABELLA has been declared

lost by the Bank and this Certificate not to

be produced to the Bank before the 17th January,

1924, a New Certificate for the Shares will be

issued, and the aforesaid Certificate No. 5/18

7496 will be thereafter treated by this Corporation as Null and Void.

By Order of the Court of Directors,

A. G. STEPHEN,  
Chief Manager.

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## INTIMATIONS

## G. R.

## COLONIAL SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT.

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that SEALED TENDERS in Triplicate, which should be clearly marked "Tender for Quarries," will be received at this Office until Noon on MONDAY, the 24TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 1923, for the letting of the undermentioned Granite Quarries at Hongkong and the New Territories, for one year or, as an alternative, for a period of 3 years from the 1st January, 1924.

Each Tender must be accompanied by a receipt to the effect that the Tenderer has deposited in the Colonial Treasury a sum as stated in the Schedule hereunder opposite to each Quarry, as a pledge of the bona fides of his offer, which sum shall be forfeited to the Crown, if the Tenderer refuses to carry out his Tender and comply with the conditions hereinafter contained, should the Tender be accepted.

The Government does not bind itself to accept the highest or any Tender.

Forms of Tender can be obtained from the Director of Public Works.

## PARTICULARS OF THE QUARRIES.

Quarry Lot No.	Approximate Area in Acres	Upset Deposit in Crown Tender, Hong.
Ah Kung Ngam No. 1	1.15	\$20.00
Ah Kung Ngam No. 2	1.38	\$30.00
Too Tee Wan No. 1	1.84	\$30.00
Too Tee Wan No. 2	1.84	\$30.00
Sai To Wan No. 1	17.00	\$400.00
Sai To Wan No. 2	14.50	\$200.00
Lye Mun No. 1	1.48	\$50.00
Lye Mun No. 2	1.60	\$50.00
Lye Mun No. 3	1.80	\$50.00
Lye Mun No. 4	3.00	\$70.00
Lye Mun No. 5	14.70	\$240.00
Lye Mun No. 6	10.39	\$200.00
Chia Kwo Liang No. 1	6.92	\$130.00
Chia Kwo Liang No. 2	9.17	\$180.00
Chia Kwo Liang No. 3	11.46	\$230.00
Chia Kwo Liang No. 4	10.30	\$200.00
Ngau Tau Kok No. 1	6.89	\$130.00
Ngau Tau Kok No. 2	12.04	\$230.00
Ngau Tau Kok No. 3	11.15	\$230.00
Ngau Tau Kok No. 4	6.87	\$130.00
Ngau Tau Kok No. 5	1.87	\$50.00
Ngau Tau Kok No. 6	3.58	\$70.00

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Shaukiwan Lot No. 1	37.00	\$5,500.00
Shaukiwan Lot No. 2	40.38	\$6,000.00
Kowloon No. 1	11.10	\$450.00
Kowloon No. 2	7.04	\$280.00
Kowloon No. 3	4.00	\$160.00

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BIRTH.

DOUGLAS.—At the French Hospital, on

December 21st, to Mr. and Mrs. W.

E. DOUGLAS, a son.

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Hongkong Office: 11, Chater Road.

London Office: 131, Fleet Street, E.C.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, DECEMBER 22ND, 1923.

## THE CANTON POSITION.

To those who expected an explosion at

Canton on Thursday when Dr. SUN YAT

SEN's "ultimatum" expired, what hap-

pened was in the nature of a damp

squib. There was no attempt on the

part of the Canton Government to seize

the Customs revenues or the premises,

but simply the issue of an order to the

Inspector-General of the Maritime Customs

to retain at Canton or other

places to be designated, all Customs

revenues collected within the territory of

the Canton Government, and providing

for a proportionate share of the funds

required for the service of foreign obli-

gations charged on the Customs, to pay

the same as may be ordered by this (the

Canton) Government; and (b) to refund

and make good all arrears of Customs

Surplus payable to the Government here

(in Canton), since March 1920. This last

claim may be passed over as not worth

considering. Those surplus funds have

been paid over to the Central Govern-

ment, and no further claim can be made

for them upon the Inspector-General of

Customs. We publish to-day a very full

statement on the position which has been



## CABLES.

**LATEST CABLES.**  
[THROUGH BRITISH AGENCY.]  
**CHECK FOR FRENCH GOVERNMENT.**  
ON QUESTION OF CIVIL SERVANTS' PAYMENT.

PARIS, December 20th.  
The Government received a check on 5 show of hands in the Chamber of Deputies which, by 331 to 200 votes referred the Bill for an increase in payment to public servants, owing to the higher cost of living, to the committee for further consideration.  
The Government had proposed that the increase be 253,000,000 francs, whereas the Socialists demanded 1,100,000,000 francs.

## NEW ROYAL DUTCH CO DIRECTOR.

LONDON, December 20th.  
Mr. J. B. A. Kessler has been elected a member of the Board of Directors of the Royal Dutch Company.

EARLIER CABLES.  
SERIOUS SITUATION ON AFGHAN FRONTIER.  
SOVIET ALLEGATIONS "ABSOLUTELY UNTRUE."

LONDON, December 20th.  
In connection with the serious situation on the Afghan border, owing to the failure of the Afghan Government hitherto to hand over the murderers of British officers, official quarters in London are more hopeful at present, and are awaiting the result of the Afghan efforts to arrest the criminals. It is hoped the Afghans will fulfill their promises in this connection, otherwise it will be necessary to decide what further pressure is needed.  
There is no question of any aggressive British action, although all means available will be employed if the moderate and just British demands be not complied with. The allegation of M. Chicherin that Britain has threatened war on Afghanistan and demanded a rupture of the Russo-Afghan relations is absolutely untrue.

## BRITISH AND RUSSIAN INTERESTS CLASH.

RUSSIA, December 20th.  
A message from Moscow states that M. Chicherin, interviewed, said that British Eastern interests had been colliding with Russia's for several decades. Britain was endeavouring to obtain absolute hegemony in Central Asia. The British demand towards Afghanistan had created the greatest uneasiness in Moscow's diplomatic circles, as Afghanistan was regarded as the last buffer State between Britain and the Soviet republic.

## "RED" DESERTERS.

BAVAGE PARTS OF MANCHURIA.

RIGA, December 20th.  
A message from Moscow declares that the Soviet Press state that owing to numerous bands of Chinese deserters ravaging the Amur district, and other parts of Manchuria, the Soviet authorities there exist only on paper. It adds that new outbreaks have occurred at Bokhara and Ferghana, whether Red troops have been sent to crush them.

REPARATIONS COMMITTEES.  
BRITISH MEMBERS APPOINTED.

PARIS, December 20th.  
The British members of the Reparations Committee of the German Budget will be Mr. Montagu Norman and Sir Josiah Stamp, while Mr. Reginald McKenna will serve the committee to inquire into the question of German capital abroad.

## BRITISH-AMERICAN TOBACCO CO. PROFITS.

LONDON, December 20th.  
The British-American Tobacco Company reports a net profit of £24,495,000. A final dividend of nine per cent. is declared making twenty-four per cent. for the year, as last year. A total of £23,521,000 is carried forward.

## RESTORATION OF HUNGARY.

PARIS, December 20th.  
It is hoped that Hungary will be restored, after the example of Austria, as a result of an agreement reached by the Council of the League of Nations regarding an international financial scheme with that object.

## BIG WIRELESS STATION FOR BELGIUM.

BRUSSELS, December 20th.  
The King has laid the foundation stone of the wireless station at Brussels, near Bruges, which is expected to be sufficiently powerful to communicate with all the big stations of the world.

LATEST CABLES.  
[REUTERS' AMERICAN SERVICE.]  
THE MEXICAN UPHEAVAL  
FURTHER FEDERAL SUCCESSES.

NEW YORK, December 20th.  
It is officially reported from Mexico City that the Federal forces have captured Zacatecas, Vera Cruz.  
It is reported that General Sanchez, commanding the Rebel land forces, has gone to Esperanza to confer with the other Rebel leaders in order to devise a plan to terminate the conflict.

EARLIER CABLES.  
CONFLICTING CLAIMS.

GALVESTON, December 20th.  
Rebel despatches from Vera Cruz claim that the Federal troops were defeated after eight hours of fighting between Puebla and Tetzmelocan. The rebels captured three machine guns, and took prisoner three hundred men. Hard fighting is progressing at Apitzaco, an important railway position.

MEXICO CITY, December 20th.  
General Obregon has told foreign journalists that his enemies refused to give battle either at Vera Cruz or Jalisco, but continually retreated, tearing up tracks to prevent pursuit, and leaving prisoners and munitions behind. He, however, expected a battle in the west coast state of Jalisco shortly. On the contrary, the rebel leader Adolfo Huerta has broadcasted by wireless a statement declaring that the revolutionaries control the States of Vera Cruz, Oaxaca, Puebla, Colima, Jalisco, Zacatecas, Michoacan, Nayarit, Aguascalientes, and Guerrero, adding that the rebels possess forty thousand armed troops, who are fighting spiritedly, without pay.

LATEST CABLES.  
CHESTER CONCESSION.  
CONCESSION NOT ANNULLED.

NEW YORK, December 20th.  
Mr. H. G. Knowles, counsel to the Ottoman Development Company, has denied that the Turkish Government annulled the Chester Concession, but he said that a new company had been formed in London with a capital of £5,000,000, to finance the construction of the Samsun railway, which his company decided not to undertake. Ultimately, the whole concession might pass into the hands of this company if his company should be unable raise the necessary capital in the United States.

EARTHQUAKE IN MEXICO.  
THREE TOWNS DESTROYED.

DOUGLAS, Arizona, Dec. 20th.  
Reports received state that an earthquake which occurred at nine o'clock last night destroyed the townships of Granadas, Huasbas and Opoto in the state of Sonora, Mexico, killing and injuring many.

GERMAN HOLDINGS IN U.S.  
CAN BE USED TO FINANCE BIG TRADE.

NEW YORK, December 20th.  
The Times states that bankers estimate that German holdings in the United States stand at approximately \$200,000,000 dollars cash, or its equivalent invested in Liberty Bonds, Treasury Certificates, Bankers' Acceptances, etc., which could be used as a basis for financing one to two billion dollars worth of trade.

U.S. OLYMPIC TENNIS TEAM.  
JOHNSTON NOT TO BE INCLUDED.

NEW YORK, December 20th.  
It is officially announced that Mr. W. M. Johnston will not be a member of the American Olympic lawn tennis team in 1924, owing to pressure of business.

EARLIER CABLES.  
COLOMBIAN EARTHQUAKE  
MANY HUNDREDS KILLED AND INJURED.

GUAYAQUIL, December 20th.  
A message from Tulcan states that earthquake shocks are continuing. Twelve had been counted within twenty-four hours. It is estimated that the dead total one hundred and fifty, and several hundreds have been injured.

MR. BORAH WANTS WARS  
ELIMINATED.

WASHINGTON, December 20th.  
Mr. Borah has reintroduced in the Senate his war resolution, which failed to pass the last session, urging the outlawing of all war, and suggesting a judicial substitute in the nature of an International Court.

## FAR EASTERN CABLE NEWS.

[THROUGH BRITISH AGENCY.]  
**THE FUTURE OF CHINA.**

MR. T. P. O'CONNOR OPTIMISTIC.  
LONDON, December 20th.

Among the guests at the annual dinner of the Central Union of Chinese Students, held under the Presidency of Dr. T. K. Lee, were Sir Denison Ross and Mr. T. P. O'Connor. The latter said that despite all the row happening, the future national unity and integrity of China were assured.

## CHINA'S HOUSE MUST BE PUT IN ORDER BY OCCUPIERS.

Mr. Chao Hain Chu warned students of the uselessness of merely copying what they learn here when they return home. He advised them to adapt what they learn to Eastern conditions. He said he considered it was an impossibility for the Monarchy to be restored in China.

China's new house must be put in order, but this was the duty of the occupiers—not of outsiders.

Mr. Chao said he considered that the system of education in Great Britain was particularly suited to China, because of the existing facilities and friendly relations it creates. He hoped that the kind offer made by the British Government to remit the Boxer indemnity for educational uses would come into effect at an early date.

## PEKING CABINET RESIGNATION.

PEKING, December 20th.  
Following the Cabinet's resignation which was announced yesterday and which the President declined, instructing them to carry on, they have explained their position by referring to Parliament's telegram to the provinces denouncing the Government in connection with the alleged settlement of the gold franc issue. The Government was then obliged to circulate the truth to the provinces.

Surprisingly, Wu Ching Lian sent on another telegram, again containing mis-statements: "Since Li Yuan Hing Government promised the French Legation that China would pay the indemnity in gold francs, a plan which Parliament rejected, foreign finance ministers have continually considered the matter without arriving at a solution. In spite of our declarations, charges against the Government are still being made to the effect that we have taken a different course, and we therefore think our sincerity is questioned and feel we ought to resign."

When the marriage settlement comes to be prepared it is found, to the horror of Mr. A. that Mr. X is of humble origin, his father being only a Professor of Anatomy.

In what precise form of words should Mr. A. inform Mr. X that the intended marriage cannot take place?

J.B.—As questions 4 and 5 are both difficult, one only of these should be attempted.

## EARTHQUAKE SHOCK NEAR MANILA.

MANILA, December 20th.  
There was an earthquake lasting a few seconds at four o'clock this morning in Verde Island Channel, 150 miles south of Manila. The shock woke up people who were sleeping.

## JAPANESE METEOROLOGIST HONOURED.

LONDON, December 20th.  
The Council of the Royal Meteorological Society of Britain has awarded the Symonds gold medal for 1924 to Mr. Take-mitsu Okada, director of the Central Meteorological Observatory at Tokyo.

CHINA'S PARLIAMENT.  
ASSAULT ON SPEAKER.

PEKING, December 20th.  
Huang Yi, a member of the House of Representatives, who was arrested by order of Wu Ching-lien for assault during the melee in the House on Tuesday, has been liberated on bail.

It is understood that Huang Yi and the other anti-Wu Ching-lien members are bringing a suit against the parliamentary guards also for assault, which action is perplexing the Procurator's Court.

In view of the recent happenings in the House of Representatives, in which Wu Ching-lien used the parliamentary guards as a bodyguard, the police authorities in Peking resolved to substitute a police guard, which arrived at the House of Representatives this afternoon.

The parliamentary guards, who are entirely under Wu Ching-lien's control, refused to hand over.

The police guards have asked their chief whether they should forcibly turn out the parliamentary guard, and they are remaining at the House of Representatives awaiting further instructions.

At six o'clock the parliamentary guards handed over to the police. The former were then taken to the police headquarters, where they are remaining, pending a decision whether they be enrolled or disbanded.

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## PROBLEMS FOR SOCIAL EXPERTS.

[As Competitions appear to be increasingly popular in newspapers, we introduce one which might fittingly engage the minds of many over the Christmas holidays—a time traditionally associated with the pastime of asking conundrums. Answers to the questions should be sent in envelopes marked "Social" in the top left hand corner, to the Editor of the Hongkong Daily Press by the 25th inst. No prize of \$50 will be offered for the best, or any answers received. The answers which the Editor considers the best will be published—when space permits.]

Mrs. A is giving a large and most important dinner at her house on the Peak at which the Lord High Executioner is expected to be present.

At the last moment she finds she is a man short and telephones to her husband to get someone.

Mr. A invites Mr. B, a young man who has recently come out to his office. On arrival at the dinner Mr. B is found to be suffering from excessive liquid fuel consumption.

What should Mr. A do?

Mr. A has been invited to a guest night with the 33rd North, Berkshire Regiment. On arrival in the anti-room he finds that Captain X, his host, has obviously forgotten his invitation to Mr. A.

What is A to do?

Mr. A is going out to dine on the Peak has to descend a very steep approach to the house he is invited to.

The path is wet and covered with green moss. Mr. A falls and covers himself and his clothes with the moss and slime.

It is already the appointed dinner hour and A does not know his host or hostess very well.

What should he do?

A certain Mr. Y arrives in the Colony and takes a house on the Peak. He is said to belong to the best London Clubs. He calls on the leading residents, who return his calls and invite him to dinner and to dances at Repulse Bay. He, in his turn, entertains them most lavishly.

After a few months he leaves the Colony in a very hurried manner and it is found that, to say the least, some of his bills have not been paid.

He is next heard of, as "doing time" in a Canadian gaol.

Write an account to be used by anyone of the leading residents as explaining her part in this unfortunate affair.

No answer which merely throws the blame on the lady's husband will be considered.

Mr. A, a widower, who has acquired a large fortune in the "Mah Cheuk set" market, encourages an attachment his daughter has formed for a Mr. X, an officer in the Royal Navy. He is under the delusion that Mr. X is the eldest son of Sir William X, Bart., the Sausage King.

When the marriage settlement comes to be prepared it is found, to the horror of Mr. A, that Mr. X is of humble origin, his father being only a Professor of Anatomy.

In what precise form of words should Mr. A inform Mr. X that the intended marriage cannot take place?

J.B.—As questions 4 and 5 are both difficult, one only of these should be attempted.

## HORN ON MAN'S HEAD.

At the Australian Medical Congress, last month, a remarkable specimen was exhibited in the pathological museum of a horn six long, curled like a ram's, that formerly grew on the crown of the head of a man aged 67.

Photographs were taken of the horn before it was removed by Dr. Syme, a Melbourne surgeon, after five or six years' growth. The horn is brittle at the base, and was fractured during the operation.

## FINANCIAL WORRIES.

PEKING, December 20th.  
The Government's financial worries loom larger as the end of the year approaches.

Peng Yeh-shang has asked the Government for funds with which to pay his troops in Peking before the end of the year.

It is understood that the Commander-in-Chief of the Peking Garrison, and the Chief of Police are petitioning similarly.

## YANGTZE SQUADRON.

CANTON NAVY REINFORCEMENT.  
PEKING, December 20th.  
It is reported that the Ministry of the Navy is contemplating the reinforcement of the Yangtze Squadron by the naval additions from Canton.

MARQUIS. SAISON.

TOKYO, December 20th.  
Marquis Saionji's condition at present is critical, but the physicians are hopeful.

## RESTORATION BUDGET.

GOVERNMENT'S SUBMISSION TO SEIYUKAI.  
TOKYO, December 20th.  
This morning's papers comment on the Government's submission to the Seiyukai on the reduction of the Restoration Bill, which was passed by the Lower House by a large majority.

## CHINA'S POSITION IN BUSINESS.

MARKET FOR BRITISH GOODS: MANUFACTURES AND MACHINERY.

LONDON JOURNAL'S REVIEW OF SITUATION.

The announcement that the Chinese Government have appointed a Commission to examine the financial position of the Republic and put forward schemes for improving the communications of the country is received in commercial circles with considerable scepticism, says a writer in the *British Export Gazette*. We have heard some things like it on many previous occasions. No doubt every successive Government of China sets out with the intention of doing something drastic to restore the country to normal conditions, only to find itself powerless to carry its schemes through. The pity of it is that, as Colonel Biddler, of the Associated British Locomotive Manufacturers for China, has recently told the members of the Leeds Chamber of Commerce there is a great field of trade lying fallow in China, but political chaos makes it impossible to cultivate it. Yet the failure of previous governments to restore normal conditions to the country does not apparently suggest that outside interference with the same object in view would lead to successful results. Most likely the direct consequences would be a general boycott of foreign goods.

TRADE MAINTAINED.  
In the circumstances, what is the best policy for trading firms who have an interest in the commerce of China? Granted the fact of internal chaos in the country, and of the impotence of the Government to restore conditions to the normal, it is nevertheless undeniable that the Republic as a whole is ripe as a market for imports and exports of almost every description. It can no longer be said that China desires to remain independent of outside ideas and commodities. As we stated in the last issue of the *British Export Gazette*, the vogue for electric lighting has become popular from one end of the Republic to the other, and even the difficulties handicapping communications cannot prevent Chinese industrialists and the well-to-do classes even in the remote interior from obtaining installations. The same is true of other Western goods. It is a Chinese fact, too, that in spite of a Chinese boycott against Japanese goods, a great deal of business continues to be transacted between the two countries. Even Great Britain, in face of the chaos that is so prevalent in the market, contrived last year to export to the Republic manufactures to nearly £24,000,000, or within little more than a million of the 1921 total; while the U.S.A.'s contribution amounted to \$100,000,000 against \$108,000,000 in the preceding year.

CHINA NOT UNIVERSAL.  
What is the explanation of this? There is no denying how great are the hindrances against commercial development, and yet there is very little diminution in the volume of trade transactions. The key to the situation lies in the fact that while some districts of China are seriously affected by the conditions, others are relatively or wholly free from them. Shanghai, for example, finds trade practically normal, if the situation is not conducive to actual expansion; and the port's connections in the interior of the Republic have also been little affected. Other districts are equally fortunate, and, difficulties placed in the way of communications notwithstanding, there are few parts of China which cannot be reached by one route or another.

Of course, in the circumstances it is hardly to be expected that Chinese merchants will lay in large stocks of any class of merchandise, but they are in most instances ready enough to take sufficient for current requirements. Perhaps one of the most remarkable features of the whole situation is that financial conditions remain comparatively stable.

Indeed, it is generally admitted that there have but slight connections with political events. In that fact alone there should be considerable encouragement to continue business with the market.

GREAT BRITAIN AS A SUPPLIER.

The above survey of the situation, derived as it is from the first-hand reports of *British Export Gazette* correspondents at the principal business centres is substantially corroborated by the Customs report for last year, which shows, for example, that the import trade in machinery "not only held its own during the 12 months, but even exceeded the figures of the year before."

In regard to machinery, it is exceedingly interesting to note that so far as imports into Shanghai are concerned, the United Kingdom is the largest supplier. In the three months ending March of the present year, out of a total imports of machinery valued at £2,819,100, £1,100,000 came from Great Britain, supplied 1,773,243; the U.S.A., £681,000; Japan, £257,027; Germany, £8,586; Denmark, £1,006; and Canada, £9,205.

In electrical material again Great Britain supplied to the extent of £2,551,557. Japan, against £2,709,635 from Japan, £1,698,140 from the U.S.A., £61,232 from Germany and \$92,885 from Hongkong, a good proportion of the last being also undoubtedly of British origin. The British preponderance is excellent evidence that the Chinese are no longer buying on the score of price alone. They recognize that cheapness is too often associated with rubbish.

PROMISE UNDER NEW ADMINISTRATION.  
All the evidence available points to the conclusion that while Chinese trade is unquestionably handicapped in many directions, there is still plenty of opportunity for commercial enterprise on the part of those who are acquainted with the requirements and tendencies of the market. A term has not yet been put to the chaotic conditions which for so long have been a hindrance to progress, but it is just possible that the new Administration, under the Presidency of Marshal Tso Kun, may be able to deal more effectively with the trouble than those which have preceded it. At any rate, it is anticipated that commercial relations between China and other countries will be restored another winter, and the new winter there has been the case for some time past. Probably the harvest of 1923 will be a good one, and the country on the issue.

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## THE POLICE BALL.

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL EVENT AT THE CITY HALL.

Not the least successful of the annual dances held in Hongkong so far this season was that organized by the local police and held last night at the City Hall. Between three and four hundred were present, the floor was in splendid condition and the dance music by the Hongkong Hotel Band was all that could be desired. H.E. the Governor attended the function and he was accompanied by Lady Stubbs and Capt. Neville (A.D.C. to the Governor). The other principal guests were the Captain Superintendent of Police (Mr. E. D. C. Wallis) and Mrs. Wolfe and the Deputy Superintendent of Police (Mr. A. M. G. Wallis) and Mrs. Wallis. A number of the staff and present Police Magistrates, also honoured guests. They were: Mr. R. Wood, Mr. N. L. Smith, Mr. C. D. Hamilton, Mr. N. L. Smith, Mr. C. D. Hamilton, Major Wilson (first clerk to the Magistrates) and Mr. J. W. Franka (Superintendent of the G.N.O.). Amongst others invited were the Government Medical Officers and the sisters of the Government Civil Hospital.

As on former occasions, the hall was tastefully decorated for the occasion, the principal colours being blue and white, the colours of the Force. At the head of the main staircase was hung a large painting of the police badge in blue and white and draped in hunting of similar shades.

In St. Andrew's and St. George's Hall were used of twisted streamers in alternating blue and white colours. These were pendant from the centre of the ceiling to the four walls of the hall (in Maypole fashion) and the merry couples "tripped the light fantastic too" underneath. The Governor's dais was in St. Andrew's Hall underneath the portrait of the late Queen and it was in this hall the blue and white coloured streamers pendant from the ceiling and the red and white flags and hunting on the walls created a remarkably pretty effect.

In all the rooms and on the staircase there was a profusion of pot-pourri. A well-served supper was laid out in the old Chamber of Commerce room, the catering being in the hands of the Hongkong Hotel Company. A well-stocked refreshment bar and a card-room were on the ground floor.

The Committee of the Ball were indebted to the Superintendent of the Botanical Gardens for the loan of pot-plants and to the Commander of H.M.S. *Tamar* for flags.

The officials were as follows:—  
President.—Mr. R. H. E. Marke.  
Hon. Secretary.—Mr. C. E. Terry.  
Hon. Treasurer.—Mr. A. J. C. Taylor.  
M.C.'s.—Messrs. W. Russell, J. Greig, W. Dyer and J. Mitchell.

Committee.—Messrs. A. Smith, P. Condon, A. V. Baker, A. Reynolds, W. Main, J. McWalter and L. Mist.

The dance programme was as follows:—  
1.—Lancers "Amelia"  
2.—Fox Trot "Cherie"  
3.—One Step  
4.—Tango Waltz "Till We Meet Again"  
5.—Fox Trot "Tricks"  
6.—Eightyones Reel  
7.—Fox Trot "Silver Stars"  
8.—One Step "Monaloe"  
9.—Boston Two Step "All Forever"  
10.—Waltz "Pennywise Blues"  
11.—Fox Trot "Ray of Sunshine"  
12.—One Step  
13.—Fox Trot "Every Little Miss"  
14.—Waltz "Through the Night"  
15.—Fox Trot "Bimby Bay"  
16.—One Step "Tonga"  
17.—Lancers "Casino"  
18.—Waltz "Nelly Kelly"  
19.—Fox Trot "I'm Nobody's Baby"  
20.—Highland Scottish "South Sea Isles"  
21.—Fox Trot "Wandering Home"  
22.—Waltz

ON BEING RICH.  
USELESSNESS OF TOO MUCH MONEY.

"Money has for man a limited value," writes Mr. W. L. George, the novelist, in *Larger's Magazine*. "His success, his power cannot consist entirely in money. My own suspicion is that while money is almost essential to success, there is a point at which it ceases to be of any use at all. We can take as an illustration the case of a newspaper."

"I suppose that everybody knows that the newspaper which he buys for three cents costs the proprietors something like eight cents to produce, owing to the high cost of collecting news; the profits come out of advertisements. Now a newspaper with a circulation of four hundred thousand a day carries a paper of advertisement a day. Suppose the circulation goes up to five hundred thousand and that no more advertisements can be printed, because there is a limit to them, because all the advertisements that can figure in that particular publication are captured, because the public refuse to read exclusively advertisements, then, on all the extra circulation, there is a loss of five cents a copy. That paper is reaching a point beyond which success is not only useless, but damaging."

A PARABLE.  
"This seems to offer a perfect parallel with the situation of the man who is making money. Up to a certain point he has given him a higher standard of living; then, by accumulating, it has promised him that this standard shall be kept up throughout his life, as his fortune grows, he sees security, not only for himself, but for his wife and children after he is dead. Then it gives him as much luxury as he can enjoy. Then what? That is what is interesting. At a certain point, the accumulation of money becomes nothing but a habit. After that, privilege of turning into a responsibility."

be the only indication of antipathy among foreign interests that will remain. There is altogether a good deal in the situation that should encourage a re-orientation of British enterprise in the market.



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### ART OF ETIQUETTE

HOW TO DISTINGUISH BUTLER  
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The following is quoted from the  
McNaught Syndicate:—Mr. Will Rogers,  
who hails from somewhere Out West has  
announced that: "Somebody must have  
seen me out in public. I think it was  
Emily Post, for she has sent me a book  
on etiquette, that she has written her-  
self.

"It has 700 pages in it. You wouldn't  
think there was that much etiquette,  
would you? Well, I hadn't read far  
when I found that I was wrong on almost  
every line of the whole book.

"Now, you wouldn't think a person  
could live under fairly civilized conditions  
(as I imagined I was doing) and be so  
dumb as not to have at least one of these  
forms of etiquette right. Well, when I  
got through reading it, I felt like I had  
been a heathen all my life. But after I  
got to noticing other people I met, I  
didn't feel so bad. Some of them didn't  
know much more about it than I did.

"Take, for instance, being introduced,  
or introducing some one; that is the first  
thing in the book. She says that the pro-  
minence of the party being introduced  
determines the sound of the voice.

CORRECT INFLECTION.

"Now the inflection that you use on  
asking any one if they are there is the  
same inflection that you use on use on  
introducing Mr. Gothis, if he is the more  
prominent of the two. Then for the other  
person, you use the 'is it raining?'  
inflection.

"You see, a fellow has to know a whole  
lot more than you think he does before  
he can properly introduce people to each  
other. First, he has to be up on his Dues  
and Bradstreet to tell which of the two  
is the more prominent. Second he has  
to be an elocutionist to know just where  
to bestow the inflection.

"Well, I studied on that introduction  
Chapter till I thought I had it down  
pat. So I finally got a chance to try it  
out. Mr. wife had invited a few friends  
for dinner, and as she hadn't finished  
cooking it before they came, I had to  
meet and introduce them to each other.

"Well, I studied for half an hour be-  
fore they came, trying to figure out which  
one was the most prominent so I could  
give her the 'Are you there?' inflection.  
It was hard to figure out, because any one  
of them couldn't be very prominent and  
be coming to our house for dinner. So I  
thought, well, I will just give them both  
the 'Is it raining?' inflection.

RESULTS OF STUDY.

"Then I happened to remember that  
the husband of one of them had just  
bought a 'drug store,' so I figured that I  
better give her the benefit of the 'Are  
you there?' inflection, for if prohibition  
stays in effect, it's only a matter of days  
till her husband will be prominent.

"When the first one came, I was all  
right; I didn't have to introduce her to  
any one. But as I opened the door to  
let her in two of our dogs and four cats  
came in.

"(This Emily Post wrote 700 pages on  
etiquette, but not a line of what to do  
in an emergency to remove dogs and cats  
and still be 'Non Chantant'.)

"The second lady arrived just as this  
dog and cat pound of ours was emptying.  
She was the new prescription store own-  
er's wife, and was to get the 'Are you  
there?' inflection. I will call her Smith.  
She don't want it to get out that she  
knows us.

"Well, I had studied that book  
thoroughly, but these animals had upset  
me. So I said, 'Mrs. Smith, Are you  
there? I want you to meet Mr. Jones.  
Is it raining?'

"But that didn't discourage me. Just  
the other day I heard what I had always  
considered up to then a well-behaved  
woman introduce one gentleman friend  
to another, and she said, 'Allow me to  
present.'

"Now anybody that's ever read the first  
five lines in the book knows that the word  
'present' is never used only on formal  
occasions. You should always say, 'May  
I introduce?' There was a woman who  
look at her, you would never have thought  
could possibly be so rude and uncultured  
as to have made a mistake like that.

"It just spoiled her for me. I don't  
care how many nice things she may do in  
the future, she just don't belong.

PLACE FOR LADIES.

"Rule 2, Chapter 5—No gentleman un-  
der any circumstances, chews gum in  
public." I had been chewing gum before  
some of the best families in this country.  
But from now on it is out. I am going  
to live according to the book.

"Chapter 6—Gentlemen should not  
walk along the street with their cane or  
stick striking the picket fence. Such  
habits should be curbed in the nursery.

"Now this rule didn't hit me so hard,  
for I am not lame and I don't carry a  
cane yet, and furthermore, there are no  
picket fences in California.

"Outside of eating with a knife, there  
is no rule in the book that makes  
you liable to as much criticism as the  
following:

"Whether in a private car, a taxi or a  
carriage a lady must never sit on a gen-  
tleman's left, because according to Euro-  
pean etiquette a lady 'on the left' is no  
lady."

TEXT OF A GENTLEMAN.

"Then it says the owner of the car should  
always occupy the right-hand side of the  
rear seat. No matter how many pay-  
ments he has to make on it, that is con-  
sidered his seat.

"Chapter 7 is given over entirely to  
The Opera. What to wear, when to  
appear, the things to do and not to do.

"Chapter 18 tells how the butler should  
dress. You don't know what a relief it  
was to me to find that news. I never had  
one, but if I do I shall know what to  
costume him in.

"The book says: 'At six o'clock the  
butler puts on his dress suit. The Butler's  
suit differs from that of a gentleman by  
having no braid on his trousers.'

"If you see people walking around look-  
ing down at your trousers, in the future,  
you will know they are looking to see if  
the braid is left off."

### THE FOOD QUESTION

One of the wisest in the Mother of  
Parliaments has had a brain wave. "The food  
question," he says, "will be acute for the next  
ten years." Anybody could have told him that!  
The food question is always acute—to some  
people! There are uncounted, thousands—  
heaven help them!—who can't get enough food.  
There are shoals of people, who—for years—  
have had to put up with food they wouldn't  
have looked at, once upon a time. And some  
people, who can get food, wholesome food, can't  
get any real benefit out of it. Why? Perhaps  
the unnatural excitement of the last few  
years have played havoc with our digestive  
systems.

After all, the digestive system isn't cast iron.  
Really, it is of a delicate, complex character,  
all too liable to become a little deranged,  
perhaps through some apparently trifling cause.  
Many a man or woman will feel well to-day.  
Then, to-morrow, up goes the temperature a  
few degrees, and that same man or woman  
is soon conscious of lost appetite and decreased  
vigour.

Sometimes we can't even be sure of the cause,  
but we are quite sure that we feel "a little off  
the mark." Now that kind of thing isn't very  
important unless it continues, but if it does  
continue, good-bye to health and happiness.

In place of radiant health, and the feeling  
that it is good to be alive, what do we get?  
Why! Just the opposite! A miserable existence  
and the horrible feeling that perhaps life isn't  
worth living after all. Our food—well! We  
don't relish it, and it gives us pain, when we  
eat it. Then we have flatulence, perhaps, or  
biliousness, or constipation, with constant  
headaches, until we feel "played out." And  
all because our digestive system has lost  
tone and strength.

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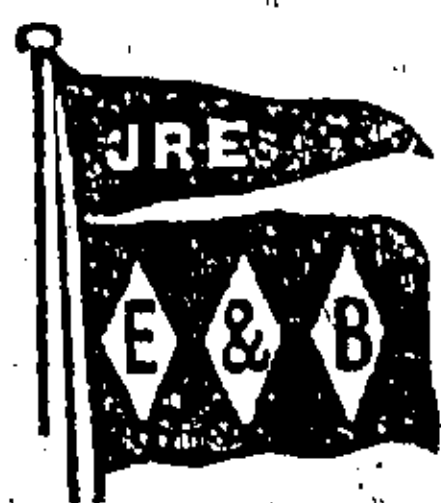






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"SOUDAN"	6,696	26th April	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & B'way.
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"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	26th Jan.	Moji & Kobe.
"MOREA"	10,911	12th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"KARNATA"	9,098	26th Jan.	do.
"SOUDAN"	6,696	30th Jan.	Shanghai.
"EASTERN"	4,000	27th Feb.	Moji & Kobe.
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"KHIVER"	9,014	27th Feb.	do.
"CHINA"	7,952	12th Mar.	do.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	5th Mar.	Moji & Kobe.
"SICILIA"	6,813	13th Mar.	Shanghai.
"KALYAN"	9,118	22nd Mar.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
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BIO DE JANEIRO, SANTO & BUENOS AIRES	—	Tuesday, 8th Jan.	—
"PACAMA MARU"	—	—	—
BOMBAY via Singapore and Colombo.	—	Saturday, 22nd Dec.	—
"BURMA MARU"	—	Friday, 28th Dec.	—
"SHUNKO MARU" (Calls at Penang)	—	Friday, 4th Jan.	—
SAIGON, SINGAPORE & BANGKOK	—	—	—
"BUSHO MARU"	—	Wednesday, 2nd Jan.	—
CALCUTTA via Singapore & Rangoon.	—	—	—
"MALAY MARU"	—	Thursday, 10th Jan.	—
VICTORIA, SATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER via Shanghai and Japan Ports.	—	—	—
"MANILA MARU"	—	Saturday, 10th Jan.	—
NEW YORK via Japan Ports, San Francisco and Panama.	—	—	—
"HAYRE MARU"	—	Middle of Dec. from Shanghai.	—
"HAMBURG MARU"	—	Middle of Jan.	—
JAPAN PORTS—Moji, Kobe, Osaka, Yokohama & Nagoya.	—	—	—
"ALTA MARU"	—	Tuesday, 25th Dec.	—
KEELUNG & SWATOW & AMOY.	—	—	—
"ANAKUSA MARU"	—	Sunday, 23rd Dec., 10 a.m.	—
"KAJO MARU"	—	Sunday, 30th Dec., 10 a.m.	—
TAKAO & SWATOW & AMOY.	—	—	—
"SOSHU MARU"	—	Saturday, 22nd Dec., 8 a.m.	—
TAKAO & KEELUNG.	—	—	—
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PANOROCKAN via BALIK PAPAN	"TAIKOOVANYI"	On 22nd Dec.	9 a.m.
AMOY & SHANGHAI	"SZECHUEN"	On 23rd Dec.	D.L.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KIANGSU"	On 23rd Dec.	Noon
SWATOW & AMOY	"KIANGSU"	On 23rd Dec.	10 a.m.
MANILA	"YUNNAN"	On 25th Dec.	4 p.m.
PAKHOI & HAIPHONG	"YUNNAN"	On 27th Dec.	10 a.m.
SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"KANGCHOW"	On 27th Dec.	10 a.m.
HOIHOW & SINGAPORE	"CHINHUA"	On 27th Dec.	10 a.m.
HONGAY & BANGKOK	"KUEICHOW"	On 27th Dec.	10 a.m.
SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	"LUCHOW"	On 29th Dec.	D.L.
AMOY & SHANGHAI	"NEWCHOW"	On 1st Jan.	D.L.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KWANGCHOW"	On 1st Jan.	10 a.m.
MANILA	"TEAN"	On 2nd Jan.	4 p.m.
HOIHOW & PAKHOI	"CHENAN"	On 3rd Dec.	10 a.m.

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